

REMARKS

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IN THE CLAIMS

4) A method according to ~~any previous claim 1~~ wherein the substrate is composed of plural layers.

6) A method according to claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ wherein each said layer comprises different materials or combinations of materials.

8) A method according to ~~any previous claim 1~~ including the additional step of optically monitoring the cutting region, the cutting process being controlled in response to the said optical monitoring.

12) Apparatus according to ~~any previous claim 1~~ wherein the substrate is composed of plural layers.

14) Apparatus according to ~~any of claims 9—13~~ wherein at least two of the said laser beams provide laser light having different parameters.

16) Apparatus according to ~~any of claims 12—15~~ wherein each said layer comprises different materials or combinations of materials.

18) Apparatus according to ~~any of~~ claims 9—17 wherein beam splitter means are provided so that at least two laser beams are derived from the same laser source.

19) Apparatus according to ~~any of~~ claims 9—18 wherein optical monitoring means are provided for optically monitoring the cutting region, means being provided to control the cutting process in response to the said optical monitoring